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HF 725 - Snowmobile Registration (LSB 2757 HV)

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Requested by Representative Mark Davitt

Description

House File 725 makes the following changes to the snowmobile registration process in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR):

1. Implements an electronic registration and renewal system for snowmobiles.
2. Allows a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 for a snowmobile that is more than 30 years old.
3. Requires a non-resident to obtain a user permit fee when operating a snowmobile in Iowa for an annual fee of \$15.00.
4. Allows that an unregistered snowmobile can be registered for a cost of \$20.00 after September 1 of each year. This includes a \$5.00 registration fee for the remainder of the current year and \$15.00 for the following year. The snowmobile owner saves \$10.00 on the current year registration.
5. Consolidates existing law related to snowmobiles under Chapter 321G, Code of Iowa.
6. Revises scheduled fines for snowmobile violations that are deposited into the General Fund.

Background

The registration fees for snowmobiles changed from a biennial fee of \$25.00 to an annual fee of \$15.00 beginning in FY 2005. This Bill implements procedures to increase the efficiency of snowmobile registration.

Assumptions

1. It is estimated there are 35,000 resident operators of snowmobiles and 200 non-resident operators of snowmobiles in Iowa.
2. It is estimated that registration revenues will increase by \$50,000 in FY 2006 and \$75,000 in FY 2007. The increased funding will leverage additional National Recreational Trail federal funds that require a 20.0% State match.
3. It is estimated expenditures related to the program will decrease by \$25,000 per year with the implementation of an electronic registration system.
4. Using the number of violations in FY 2004, it is estimated there will be an additional \$11,000 collected from snowmobile fines.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of HF 725 is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of HF 725 is an increase in revenue to the Snowmobile Registration Fund of \$75,000 for FY 2006 and \$100,000 for FY 2007.

Sources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Department of Natural Resources

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